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Filed: July 7, 2003	) Confirmation No.: 8545
For: CENTRIFUGAL FLUID PUMP APPARATUS	) )

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# FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

#### **U.S. Patent Documents**

Number	Applicant	Date
5,947,703	Nojiri et al.	09-07-1999
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1 027 898	Europe	08-16-2000
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 wavier of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after

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June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 10/338,712, naming Mitsutoshi Yaegashi and Takehiko Asada as inventors and filed on January 9, 2003, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609(c)(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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